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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Issue Application of:

Naoto SANO

Application No.: 09/978,035

Filed: October 17, 2001

For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS WITH A
PULSED LASER

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Examiner: C.A. Juska
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Confirmation No.: 4362
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STATEMENT REGARDING SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward his representative during the telephone conversation of November 20, 2003.

The topic of the telephone conversation was pending claims 35-38 and 41-50. The Examiner indicated that these claims were in improper format, as presented in the Amendment filed on September 29, 2003. Specifically, the Examiner asserted that the claim identifiers were improper. The Examiner informed Applicant's undersigned representative that she would make the necessary amendments to the claim status identifiers by Examiner's Amendment in order to expedite prosecution. No substantive changes to the claims were to be made.

Applicant's undersigned representative may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven E. Warner", is written over a horizontal line.

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